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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

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: IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
: OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action
: Patricia McAndrew, C.R.T. :
: License No. ZA01902 : CONSENT ORDER
: SURRENDERING LICENSURE
: TO PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE :
: IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was presented to the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care based upon information received from Ms. McAndrew that she had resigned a position as manager of a hospital respiratory care department due to personal substance abuse. Ms. McAndrew acknowledges that she has been in therapy for many years due to alcohol dependence. In February of 1998 she was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and acknowledged at the time of her arrest that she had ingested three glasses of wine in her car and that her blood alcohol level was .21. Ms. McAndrew was found guilty and her driver's license was suspended for six months beginning April 28, 1998. Ms. McAndrew further acknowledges that on July 7, 1998, she was found in her office at work drunk and asleep, which lead to her resignation from her position as manager

of a hospital respiratory care department; and that she recently ingested cocaine as an alternative to alcohol. Finally, Ms. McAndrew acknowledged that she has been under psychiatric care following diagnoses including bipolar manic depression and chronic depression, and has been taking medications including Paxil (an anti-depressant) and Xanax (an anti-anxiety agent), for more than a year, including the period during which she has relapsed into the abuse of alcohol.

Ms. McAndrew, having testified to the above at an inquiry held before the Board of Respiratory Care on September 1, 1998, and further acknowledging her inability to practice respiratory care at this time and her need for evaluation and effective treatment, and the Board, finding the within order to be adequately protective of the public, and in light of the admitted relapse into substance abuse, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(i), the Board has agreed to the surrender of Ms. McAndrew's license to practice respiratory care in the State of New Jersey, without prejudice to a petition for reinstatement at some time in the future.

For good cause shown,

IT IS on this _____ day of _____, 1998,

ORDERED that the surrender of license by Patricia McAndrew, C.R.T. is accepted effective September 1, 1998. An application for reinstatement of license will not be considered until such time as Ms. McAndrew demonstrates that she has undergone an evaluation with a psychiatrist of her choice from a list of at least two provided by the Board, is following the recommendations


for therapy, rehabilitation and psychiatric care, and has maintained sobriety for a minimum period of no less than three (3) months and that her therapist recommends her reentry into practice. At such time the Board will consider an application for reinstatement on such conditions as the Board deems appropriate, after an appearance by Ms. McAndrew at which the burden shall be upon her to demonstrate she is fit and competent to resume the practice of respiratory care.

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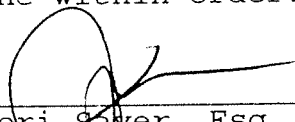
By: _____

Anna Leder, B.S., RRT, CPFT
Vice President

I have read and understand the within Order, and agree to be bound by it.


Patricia McAndrew, C.R.T.

I consent to the form and entry of the within Order.


Jeri Saver, Esq., Attorney
for Patricia McAndrew